Dated: February 23, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE FRANKLIN L. NOEL

The current appointment of United States Magistrate Judge Franklin L. Noel of Minneapolis, Minnesota is due to expire on November 1, 2005. As required by law, the Court has established the following Merit Selection Panel of citizens to advise them on the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Noel to a new eight-year term.

Charles E. Lundberg, Esq., Chair Elizabeth Bickel Michael O. Freeman, Esq. Archie Givens Andrew M. Luger, Esq. Honorable Robert H. Lynn William H. Manning, Esq. Marianne D. Short, Esq. Timothy R. Thornton, Esq.

Comments are invited from members of the bar and the public as to whether the incumbent U.S. Magistrate Judge Noel should be recommended by the Panel for reappointment by the Court. Comments by letter or e-mail should be directed **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2005** to:

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Persons wishing to comment in person to the Panel on the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Noel are advised that a public hearing for that purpose will be held in Courtroom 15E at the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on May 2, 2005.